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SUBJECT: US DIGITAL-TO-ANALOG CONVERTERS TO CZECHO-SLOVAKIA - IL 1565

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FOLLOWING IS RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS RAISED BY BELGIAN AND FRENCH DELS:

1) THE D TO A THROUGHPUT RATE IS ACHIEVED AT 300,000 CONVERSIONS PER SECOND WHEN 8 INDIVIDUAL D TO A CONVERTERS ARE SEQUENCED, USING EACH CONVERTER ONE OUT OF 8 POSSIBLE EVENTS. THE RATING OF EACH CONVERTER IN THIS FASHION IS 40,000 CONVERSIONS/SECOND AT .04 PERCENT OF FULL SCALE ACCURACY FOR THE CONVERSION OF 14 BITS PLUS SIGN.

IF ONE CONVERTER IS CYCLED AT 125,000 CONVERSIONS/SECOND, THE ACCURACY DROPS TO 2 PERCENT OF FULL SCALE AND THE 7 LEAST SIGNIFICANT BITS ARE NOT UTILIZED.

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THE CONSTRAINT OF LOWER SPEED OR LOWER ACCURACY IS THE OPTION OF THE OPERATOR AS DICTATED BY THE PROBLEM AND RESULTS REQUIRED IN TERMS OF ACCURACY OR SPEED OF SOLUTION.

2) THE USE OF HYBRID COMPUTERS IN RESEARCH IS RELATED TO SIMULATIONS INVOLVING MATHEMATICAL MODELS REPRESENTING FLUID MECHANICS TYPE PROBLEMS. THESE MODELS INVOLVE NON-LINEAR EQUATIONS OF THE FIRST AND SECOND ORDER. TYPICAL SIMULATIONS WOULD BE HEART VALVE OPERATION, DRUG DIFFUSION STUDIES AND KIDNEY FILTRATION STUDIES. THE SPEED OF OPERATION IS REQUIRED WHEN PERFORMING SIMULATIONS RATHER THAN INDIVIDUAL PATIENT ANALYSIS STUDIES. CALCULATIONS ARE PERFORMED IN BOTH THE ANALOG AND DIGITAL PORTIONS OF THE HYBRID AND EXCHANGED IN A TIME CRITICAL MODE WHICH MAKE THE SIMULATIONS UNSTABLE TO TERMINATION AT LESSER SPEEDS. THE EXPANSION FROM 16 TO 24 D/A UNITS ALLOWS THE SOLUTION OF A 24 VARIABLE PROBLEM (ONE D/A PER VARIABLE) WHICH IS STILL A QUITE LIMITED CAPABILITY. I.E. A 100 VARIABLE MODEL OF THE HUMAN BODY IS A VERY LOW LEVEL APPROXIMATION. INGERSOLL

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